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LETTER DATED 24 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I would like to draw the attention of the members of the Security Council to the recent actions of Serbian insurgents in the occupied regions of Croatia aimed against the relevant Security Council resolutions and in particular resolutions 815 (1993), 847 (1993) and 871 (1993), which emphasize that United Nations Postal Administrations (UNPA) are an integral part of the Republic of Croatia.

The senior representative of the local Serbian insurgent authorities from Knin Djordje Bjegovic has had a series of meetings with the representatives of Belgrade authorities over the past three weeks, aimed at step-by-step progress towards eventual secession of the "Republic of Serbian Krajina" from the Republic of Croatia and unification with the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)". The first step in this process appears to be the official proclamation of a monetary union of Serbia and Montenegro with its satellites in the occupied territories of the Republic of Croatia and the self-proclaimed "Republika Srpska" on the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

As of 14 February 1994, according to statements by Belgrade authorities, representatives of insurgents in Knin, and the Belgrade press, the monetary unit in the UNPAs in the Republic of Croatia is the "Yugoslav new dinar", issued by the Central Bank in Belgrade and processed by the branch it immediately established at Knin. This raises serious concerns for my Government.

It clearly shows that the local insurgent Serbian authorities do not have any intention to negotiate bona fides on the normalization of relations with the Croatian Government, but are aiming at secession from the Republic of Croatia and their unification, first with the Bosnian Serb para-State and ultimately with the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)".

With regard to the Joint Declaration on the normalization of relations between the Republic of Croatia and the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia" signed by their respective Ministers for Foreign Affairs in Geneva on 19 January 1994, my Government would have to reassess if the Belgrade authorities did sign this initial document in good faith.

My Government requests that the Security Council take any action it deems appropriate to ensure the compliance of the Knin authorities with its relevant resolutions and the return of the representatives of the local Serbian population from the UNPAs to bona fides negotiations.

The Republic of Croatia finds the actions concerning the "monetary union" to be aimed against the territorial integrity of Croatia, and reserves the right to take appropriate measures in this regard.

May I request your kind assistance in distributing this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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